GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5077
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REMOVAL OF JHUGGIS FROM RAILWAY LAND
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Railway Ki Bhomi Par Basi Jhuggiyan Hatane Ka Mamla Musibat Bana` appearing in Navbharat Times New Delhi edition dated March 29, 2000;

(b) if so, the details of the facts reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the effective policy being adopted or proposed to be adopted by the Government to rehabilitate the jhuggi dwellers set up on the railway land in the country particularly in the metro cities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): There are about 1884 unauthorised jhuggies on Railway land along the Railway lines in Wazirpur industrial area. As a result of a civil writ petition filed in the High Court of Delhi, removal of unauthorised occupation over Railway land in the Wazirpur area was planned in the month of March,2000. The case was listed on 31.3.2000 for reporting the progress made. However, the proceedings were postponed due to the intervention of certain social and political groups and for maintaining the law and order situation. Factual position of the case has since been apprised to the Hon`ble Court.

(c): The matter is being considered by the Government, under the aegis of the Ministry of Urban Development and the modalities for vacation of Railway land in a peaceful manner are being worked out.

(d) : Railway do not have any policy of providing alternative accommodation to unauthorised occupants of its land. Rehabilitation of all such persons has to be done by the concerned State Governments as per laws framed by them in this regard.